

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HARRY H. HERNDON

#### HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Harry H. Herndon of Royse City, Texas. Mr. Herndon was born on August 5, 1947, one of four sons of J.E. Burr and Irma Wyatt Herndon.

Mr. Herndon graduated from Royse City High School in 1965 where he was named class favorite, wittiest, and most popular. Additionally, he was a class officer and a star football player for the Bulldogs for four years. Mr. Herndon later attended East Texas State University. On May 29, 1966, he married the love of his life, Virginia Lee Cross, with whom he had one daughter, Tena Michelle.

On October 19, 1967, Mr. Herndon heeded the call to serve his nation in the Vietnam War as a Platoon Sergeant in the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Company D. During his deployment to Chu Lai, Vietnam, he received several awards, including the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Tragically, Mr. Herndon was mortally wounded in combat on October 18, 1968, while serving on a mission in Quang Tin, Vietnam. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his gallantry and wounds in combat. For his heroism and service to our country, Harry H. Herndon Elementary School in Fate, Texas, is dedicated in his honor.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mr. Herndon's life, valor, and service defending our great Nation.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MAYRENE BATES

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Mayrene Bates, longtime Solano County educator and trustee with the Solano Board of Education. Passing away at 88, Mrs. Bates leaves behind an indelible legacy of over fifty years of service to Solano County.

Born in 1934, in a small Tennessee town at the time of racial segregation, Mrs. Bates attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, she was forced to travel 32 miles to attend high school, as the segregation laws of the time prohibited her from attending the nearby school. Despite these unjust and adverse beginnings, Mrs. Bates developed a love for learning and eventually earned a

scholarship to the Atlanta University Library School, where she obtained a master's degree in Library Science.

In 1955, Mrs. Bates married James Bates and his service in the Air Force brought them all over the world, ultimately leading them to establish a permanent home in Fairfield. In 1970, Mayrene began working as the librarian at Fairview Elementary School and Grange Intermediate School. She later served as the vice-principal for Crystal Elementary School and Fairfield High School and eventually, as the principal of Crystal Middle School and K.I. Jones Elementary School. In her multitude of roles, Mrs. Bates never failed to prioritize the youth of Solano County and ensure all students in her community had the resources necessary to achieve their full potential.

Following her extensive career with the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Mrs. Bates served as Director, and later as Assistant Superintendent, of the Solano County Office of Education. In 1997, her altruistic passion for supporting the students of Solano County led her to run for the Solano Board of Education, where she served until 2018. Throughout her tenure, she demonstrated steadfast dedication to the young people of her community and consistently advocated for programs to ensure all students have equal access to education.

Mrs. Bates' commitment to her community was expressed both through her decades of public service to Solano County and her vital work as President of the Fairfield-Cordelia Rotary Club and columnist for the Daily Republic. Her willingness to lend an ear and a helping hand to anyone in need earned her the widespread respect and gratitude of her community.

Mrs. Bates will be remembered not only for her decades of service to Solano County, but also for her genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. She impacted the lives of countless students and educators in her community and her steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship undeniably enhanced the lives of her fellow Solano County residents.

Mrs. Bates' enduring spirit will live on in her husband, son, two grandchildren, and the community she dedicated her life to serving. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bates' loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

### RECOGNIZING REGISTERED NURSE KRYSTLE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY FOR RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

#### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Registered Nurse Krystle M.

O'Shaughnessy for receiving the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing. Every year since 1984, the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded several outstanding individuals with this great honor. These individuals are directors, nursing executives, registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses, and nursing assistants, all actively involved in patient care. They are nominated by their peers and go through a rigorous review process.

This year, one of the awardees is New Hampshire's very own Krystle M. O'Shaughnessy. In her role as an LPN, Krystle served as the first point of contact for Veterans participating in the Home Telehealth program. This program has become well known in the Veteran community for its patient-driven care, health education, and effective management of patient diseases. During staff shortages at the VAMC, Krystle took on the extra job of managing telehealth compliance, ensuring that all Veterans were seen on time and taken care of, including COVID patients who needed close monitoring.

I look forward to seeing all that Krystle and the Manchester VAMC accomplish in the years to come. I am confident that the Veterans of Manchester, and all of New Hampshire, will continue to benefit from Krystle's hard work. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Krystle for receiving this high honor, and I commend her fellow staff for making the Manchester VAMC a reliable and trusted health care partner for NH Veterans. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

### CELEBRATING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF MRS. PATRICIA JOYCE SAUL ROCHON

#### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Orleans' beloved native daughter, wife, mother, true friend and confidant to many. Mrs. Patricia Joyce Saul Rochon departed this earth in the loving arms of her devoted family after a courageous and determined fight against metastatic cancer. She died on March 13, 2023, her 77th birthday, at Yale's Smilow Cancer Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

On March 21, 2023, Mrs. Rochon would have celebrated her 53rd wedding anniversary with her loving husband, Dr. Gilbert Rochon III, the 6th President of Tuskegee University; where Mrs. Rochon proudly served as Tuskegee University's First Lady.

Mrs. Rochon completed her early education in 1963 at St. Mary's Academy in New Orleans, LA. Four years later she graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana. Upon graduation she was accepted into and later graduated from Yale University's School of Drama,

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